

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, to be used for programs that address “housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate.” A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements or repairs to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: First Baptist Church of Olean

Mailing Address: 133 S. Union St., Olean, NY 14760

Phone: 716.372.5151

Federal Tax ID#: 16-0768511

Name of Region: Allegany-Cattaraugus Region of American Baptist Churches NYS

Contact person (person completing this form): Cari Matejka

Email of contact person: carimatejka1@gmail.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

Missions

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

The funds will be used to build a permanent orphanage home for 80 children of all ages in Uganda, Africa. continued on page 2

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

At current, the street children and orphans we support in Uganda have no permanent home. We can only end the circle of poverty or homelessness with necessary resources. Despite having safety and care, the provisions available are not a long-term solution. By providing a permanent orphanage, these children will have a sense of home, belonging, permanence and stability. When we provide a home, we build family values, structure and combat poverty through developing a perpetual dependable cycle. Imagine the power of taking a child who is thrown away or left wandering the street, and instead give them adequate and healthy food and a safe home? Instead of ignoring the problem Uganda faces with the crisis of abandoned and orphaned children, we will provide a nurturing home, nutrition, and education so that the children will grow to continue the cycle of hope and a hand-up. This must begin

with a place to call home. Other resources are awaiting the bigger picture, such as caregivers and food, but we must first begin with a completed house. The house is under construction needing to be finished.

5. Total cost of the project: \$26,500; remaining: \$20,700
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000
7. List other funding source(s): Literacy of Love, Inc. Our church has partnered with Literacy of Love to support a Ugandan school and future orphanage home for the past six years. The CEO of Literacy of Love has been a First Baptist church member for over 15 years. She and the past pastor lead a mission trip to the area to preach, bring awareness to, and assist and develop the projects in the summer of 2017. A second mission trip occurred in June 2018. Aside from mission trips, the CEO of Literacy of Love travels to Uganda twice a year. She visited in August 2018 and will be returning to further develop the house in February 2019; however, work will begin immediately after funds are received. Literacy of Love has promised to fulfill the remaining balance of \$15,700 to complete the project.
8. Please submit along with your application a copy of:
 - Your mission statement.
 - A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable.

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) Olean First Baptist Church , I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by (name of person): Cari Matejka (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: July 18, 2018

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

Instructions and information for completing the 2018 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs, or to maintain a "Rainy Day fund" or church benevolent fund.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

5. Total cost of the project

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.

One application per church will be considered per 24 month period. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

7. Your other funding source(s).

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

8. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

- A financial statement for this ministry

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

Other information and requirements

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) CM

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

Olean First Baptist Church

133 South Union St.

Olean, NY 14760

ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application, continued

Mission Fund for Permanent Orphanage Home in Uganda, Africa

3. Use of requested funds elaborated:

Background: Our church currently supports an international mission in Uganda. After six years of direct partnership, our church has developed a heart and personal connection to our Ugandan partners. We have deepened our connection through a church member missionary to Uganda (who travels there twice a year), developed personal relationships with many of the children through sponsorships and long-term relationships, have organized a mission trip to the area, and have involved our youth group. We know it is necessary to bring an essential element of our contributions to fruition.

At current, our church helps our Ugandan partners serve and rescue street children, orphans, abandoned, dangerously impoverished, neglected and abused children. They are brought to the school we support because the surrounding community knows it's a safe haven, but when they arrive, there is no structure to actually call home. They currently use the primary school dormitory, the car, a tiny garage-sized two room building or wherever they can find space as living quarters. This is neither sustainable nor appropriate. When there is no bedding, children sleep on the cement floor. When they run out of space, they sleep in the school car for a warm place. When there are inadequate blankets, kids sleep with none – or have resorted to wrapping up in curtains to keep warm. They need a permanent and secure home to feel a sense of belonging. Through this, our extended Ugandan family will have assurance of a future, love, stability and a place to call home. The children often cry and fear what will become of them. With a home, they can end the cycle of homelessness and create an immediate sense of family and belonging.

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8. Olean First Baptist Mission Statement: “sharing the faith, hope and redeeming love of Jesus Christ with all people.”

Itemized Budget:

Total Budget: \$26,500 (101,000,000 UGX)

Summary:

~~Phase 1: bricks laid, rafters, roof: \$4,000 — paid (5,000,000 UGX)~~

~~Phase 2: outside door and windows frames: \$1,800 paid (6,900,000 UGX)~~

Phase 3: cement floors inside, add window panes: \$4,300 (16,400,000 UGX)

Phase 1-3 complete makes house livable

Phase 4: plastering brick walls: \$4,300 (16,400,000 UGX)

Phase 5: water tank, toilets: \$2,100 (8,000,000 UGX)

Phase 5: electrification: \$2,400 (9,100,000 UGX)

Labor: \$2,600 (9,900,000 UGX)

Equipping empty house with furniture/beds/blankets: \$5,000 (19,000,000 UGX)

Remaining Budget: 20,700

The Matthew 25 Grant will fund the completion and labor of Phase 3 making the house livable.